### THE DEATH OF THE OLD YEAR.

[By Alfred Tennyson.] Full knee-deep lies the winter snow, And the winter winds are weardy sighing : Toll ye the church-bell sad and slow. id tread softly and speak low, For the old year lies a-dying.

Old year you must not die; You came to us so readily, You lived with us so st adily. Old year, you shall not die.

He lieth still : he doth not move : He will not see the dawn of day, He hath ne other life above. He gave me a friend, and a true, true love. And the New Year will take 'em away. Old year you must not go; So long as you have been with us, Such joy as you have seen with us, Old year, you shall not go.

He froth'd his bumpers to the brim. A joliser year we shall not see, But the' his eyes are waxing dim, And tho' his fees speak ill of him, He was a friend to me.

> Old year you shall not die; We did so laugh and cry with you, I've half a mind to die with you, Old year, if you must die.

He was full of joke and jest, But all his merry grips are o'er, To see him die across the waste His son and heir doth ride post haste, But he'll be dead before,

Every one for his own. The night is starry and cold, my friend, And the New Year blithe and bold, my friend. Comes up to take his own.

How hard he breathes! over the snow . I heard just now the crowing cock, The shurious flicker to and fro: The crickets chirp: the light burns low, 'Tis nearly twelve o'clock. Slinke hands, before you die. Old year, we'll dearly rue for you:

What is it we can do for you?

Speak out before you die. His face is growing sharp and thin, Alack? our friend is gone, Close up his eyes; the up his chin; Step from the corpse, and let him in That standeth there alone,

> And waiteth at the door. There's a new foot on the floor, my friend, And a new face at the door, my friend, A new face at the door.

### THE NEW YEAR'S LOG-ROLLING.

When it became known in Verdant Valley that a Vantee had settled on the vacant quarter over by the Ingoon, Uncle Billy Barker expressed the sentiment of the community in his terse disclaimer that, so far as he was concerned, he "didn't have use for no Yenkees. You put a Yankoe into any range, and thar'll be bad blood right away. They hain't content to leave things be as they found 'esn, but want to cram their free-school, ab'lishen notions down everybody's gullet."

bad been settled there had never been a disfor Bigler, and that this was the banner township of California. But now the laurels were about to be wrested from them. However, there the intrader was, with his wife and daughter, and there he evidently intended to stay. A comferrable house and a substantial barn bore witness to that. After all, Yankees are not so black as they are painted, and this particular offender had a sturdy way of minding his own business, which, with his uniform affability of grooting, soon began to tell in his favor, so that, notwithstanding his denunciation, Uncle filly was the first to visit the stranger and proffer his good services. For whatever of prejudice and narrowness might father into the wagon the latter said, intermark their minds, the class to which he be- regatively, "Well?" longed had more of those quadties in their

Now this diplometic call of the eider Barker had two important results. In the first place, Winthrop (the stranger) wanted to employ some one to help him clear away the timber, and a bargula was soon reached, by which the pioneer's son, Jim Barker, a fine stalwart fellow with a bit of schooling and a handsome face-just the stock, withal, by which the world is replenished-was caraged for this work. Jim was not the least averse to this arrangement, for-well, be had reasons of his own. The second result was that Uncle Billy, who had just enough learning to spell out words, informed as to the storing events then imread the first three numbers painfully and con- subordinates. scientionsly, but after that Greeley's philippics were lost upon his remote subscriber, who regularly put the paper, unopened, into the fire, with the grim remark,

"Serves me right for bein' such a durn fool." with a hundred leafy fingers to clutch the de- Salt Lake Tribune. Reions, impulgable air. Firs were scattered here and there in stately pride. The madrono, aristecrat of the forest, showed its saffron bark and its olive leaves. The undergrowth was thick. beauty. The manuanita tossed its ripened ber- Picayane. ries to the gregarious quail. There was no work ahead in building the forces of nature. sighs, and still causes one to pine away .-The field must be cleared and ready for ploughing by the first rains. Luckily the rains held off. There were a few inconsequential showers in November, and then for weeks the heavens

By Christmas the undergrowth was cleared | sixpence! - London Punch. away, and about half the trees felled. Jim, who seemed to have some plan of his own, suggested that these be left where they had fallen, to be trusmed and chopped afterward; so that as fast as one tree went down, another was attacked. But the progress was slow. Christmasday Jim went home, and called his father into council. After hearing his report the old man

"We not to give him a log-rollin'. The Lord has held the mins off about all He's goin' to. He hain't goin' to spoil the crops for the sake of no Yankee. He's done enough already, and Year's. And, by-the-way, Jim"-after a pause Jim's only answer was a blush. But, to be Merchant Traveler. sure, that was enough.

New Year's more, about half past five, there was a profigious dog-fight at the pre-emptor's front door. Now the New Englander had but isn't going to get up a fight all by himself; ing candidate.—Burlington Hawkeye. that is, unless he is uncommonly pugnacious, being put into a state of siege. And in a mo- his hat.-Pack. ment the voice of the senior Barker called

to have some company." had taken possession of everything. Every motaent brought new arrivals. There was a kaleidoscope of men, woment, children, borses, dogs, and oxen. The great festivals of Western Title are campmeetings, barbecues, and logrollings. Those who believe that the American blood is running out should strike an average on the children present at one of these occasions. Polly Winkie assumed command of the women and children, by no other right that I know of than that she most nearly realized Napoleon's definition of the greatest of her sex. It was soon evident that the " house was too small to secommodate so many, and the Winkle contingent were led to the commodious loft in the barn. Here from each and sweetments as would have doubled up a Treatment: less hardy race for the rest of the year. A table was improvised, the slove was removed to the Oxygen, and I can readily sum up the good the loft, and by noon a smoking dinner was on results of the treatment. It is hardly too much lett's Familiar Quotations, Smith's Bible Dicthe board.

In the field. The November min had carpeted houston which was my usual condition before. I Smith's Classical Dictionary. Whoever has the ground with wild flowers, but these were | cannot remember the time when I have been | these possesses a whole library in brief, undeceded. The lupine bloomed in vain. The | so free from headache as during the past year. gaudy eschecholizia flaunted its colors un-heeded. The timid nemophila crept closer to and assures me that I am going to get well." the sod, and hid its maidenly beauties from profanation. But all were alike unsought, ing a history of the discovery and mode of achere was men's work to be done. Great trees lay stipped and deformed, like torses of mighty giants. One-half the force were chopping at the trees yet standing. Every few moments some monarch would tremble, try to steady himself for a second, and then fall with a 1199 and 1111 Girard St., Phila., mentioning resounding crash to the earth. A score of foes 'THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE.

were upon him at once. His hundred arms were lopped from his body. His life-blood sank into the thirsty earth. The place that knew him in his pride knew him no more. As fast as the logs were ready, chains were passed around them, the oxen were harnessed to them. and they were drawn to designated spets, and arranged in orderly piles. When Alice Winthrop came down to the field with a dozen girls about her own age, and looked out of her great brown eyes upon the strange scene, what splendid feats of strength were done! With what magnificent grace these men moved now

who were so awkward in the house! and how Jim Barker hated young Winkle for shouldering an immense log with such apparent ease! Once in a while a couple of the youngsters got into a wrestling match. Then a rest was declared for five minutes to watch the throw. During the nooning there were several of these, and Jim Barker had a set-to with young Winkle, which was more than half in earnest. It had leaked out somehow that the former was very much interested in the new family, or in part of it at least, and Winkle had jokingly offered to "cut him out." Now, Jim was in that miserable state of uncertainty when the mere sug-Winkle ever got such a toss in his life as Jim gave him that day-all in sport, though, of

When night fell the circuit preacher, Methodist South, declared that the field was ready for the Lord's vineyard. Nothing but a few stumps remained to impede the course of the ploughman. The underbrush was burning from a dozen fires. In a single day, in a hearty western fashion, work had been done which one person must have labored at for months. In the house the gossips had had a session of rare comfort. When all came together at supper, it was a season of great mer- rally once more and go on. riment; but after a while the young people began to get restless. There was a good deal of whispering, and some half-suppressed secret nest hope, kindlier deeds, and a better life. seemed on the wing. When the preacher rose to go, there was a general expression of regret. The whole assemblage escorted him and his family to their wagon; but he had not driven | The last page you've written is crumpled and three hundred yards before there was an unmistakable sound of dance-music in the air, The good man wavered a moment, and then drove straight home, and never heard it.

the day, and the rain new began to fall; but in the left Sandy Ballou was mounted on a nail keg, and was fiddling as if his life depended on his zeal. What pigeon-wings were cut! What pressure of hands was exchanged when Sandy authorized "alamande left"! What maddening whirls when he called, "Swing partners!" The rain came down in torrents. It seemed as if the reservoirs of the heavens had given way. About 12 o'clock a wagon-load who had started for home came back and reporthed portions of the road caved in by the creek. The darkness was almost palpable. It was unsafe to venture out. There was nothing to be done but to make a night of it. Sandy Ballou started in airesh to fiddle till daylight. A new relay of During the six years that Verdant Valley | candles was lighted. Some of the older folks senting vote east at the polls. It was the boast little sleep. But the younger heels knew no in books and pictures and furnishings that but tituency was solid rest. Antique country dances that had not Sandy was king, and his brain seemed a store-

house of forgotten figures. During the afternoon Jim Barker had picked a bunch of delicate nescophilas and handed them to Alice Winthrop, saying, "My fate goes

with these flowers." The sonior Barker had observed this action, and was not slow in drawing his conclusions when later in the evening, the fair Puritan appeared with the dainty offering on her bosom, and Jim had an awkward expression of uncontainable happiness. A little after 4 o'clock horses were harnessed, and as Jim helped his

But Jim kept his eyes resolutely toward the east, and answered, "The dawn is just break-

Whereupon Uncle Billy whipped up his horses, and responded, quizzically, "Yes, Jim, I s'pose it is." - Charles Phelps, in Harper's. He is White.

"Is he white?" said Mr. Noots, of the Treaspry Department. "Well, I can tell you that there has not been as white a man in the Register's chair for many a day as Blanche K. Bruce. His skin has the African tinge, but his beart and brain are bigger and cleaner than those of any man I ever knew in the office, one letter at a time, and who was desirous of and I've been there twenty years." He spoke subscribing to a paper which would keep him of Mr. Bruce, who is the colored ex-Senator from Mississippi, and, as Register of the Treasury, pending, asked the advice of the new-comer, his administration has been so able, nervy, and and was recommended to take the Tribme. He equitable, as to evoke the enconiums of all his

## The Difference in a Name.

A San Francisco man advertised for "320 red-headed girls-must be good looking," and not one response was received. A few days good before civilization had spoiled it will re- | beauties," and before the paper was out two member that it was heavily wooded. Great | hours the street in front of his office was crowdoak-trees lifted their brawny arms and sought | ed with just the style of beauty he desired .-

## PLEASANTRIES.

There is no use in telescoping a train of cars. The poison-tvy was gorgeons with a fatal The people on board cannot see it .- New Orleans Grief is a queer passion. It increases the

Marathon Independent. "Poor sweeper, sir!" Benevolent stroller (feeling in his pockets)-" I'm afraid I haven't were almost skyless, one could see so far into | 8 penny." "Reduced party (wistfully)-"I did not specify the coin, sar!" (It came to

> A very primitive form of will, written on an old pass-book, has been admitted to probate at | family reading that will enlist the interest of Norristown, Pa. The fact that the testator leaves money is sufficient to overcome all sern- collection of books. He approves of the Ameriples among the legal profession .- Lowell Citisen.

"Is Mr. McJessop at home?" inquired a man of a servant, who answered the bell. "Ah! sir," replied the maid, "he is dead and was buried day before yesterday." "Dead, is heer-well, then, I won't disturb him."- Texas

"Mary," said a landlady to her green hired we got to do the rest. We'll have it on New | girl, " was the boarder on the third floor inebrinted when he came in last night?" "No. -"you take care that loss is the only things mum; he was so drunk he couldn't get up that gits emselves cut up over to the Yankee's," stairs, and I let him sleep in the back hall."- leaving out hundreds of works of perhaps equal-

Senator Colquitt, of Georgia, says it is true that Tilden habitually whispers in the ear of anybody with whom he has an audience. If Sammy should be nominated by the Democrats one dog, and it stands to reason that one dog for President he will be known as the whisper-

which this one was not. A glance through | Carlyle wrote: "To-day is not yesterday." the window revealed not only three dogs, but | Probably the great philosopher conceived this two wagons, the horses already half unhitched | gorgeously beautiful original thought while from the traces. The occupants had alighted sitting on the bed in the morning, yawning as upon the ground. Up the read several teams of though trying to swallow the room, and feeling | Wendell Holmes' Autocrat at the Breakfast exen were advancing. The house was evidently his head to see if it was small enough to fit in Table.

We are glad to read in the reports of boiler explosions that the boilers were in good condi-"You'ins had better git up. You're going tion. This invigorates faith and enlarges hope. If it is only the well-conditioned boiler By the time the family were dressed and a that explodes, we may-most of us-feel hasty breakfast snatched, the army of attack | pretty safe under the present system of inspec-

tion.—Chicago Daily News. Stanley was visiting the chief of a tribe not far from another tribe which was very hostile to the explorer. "Are you going to attack our neighbors?" asked his host. "We shall be obliged to if they attack us," replied Stanley. "Their chief is my brother-in-law." "I am very sorry." Oh, I didn't say that to prevent your chastising them; on the contrary. Only, I have a request to ask of you. If you kill my poor relative, please to send him to me, so that we can have a family repast!"-Puris Paper.

Summing up the Results of a Year's Treatment. A lady patient in Lockport, N. Y., thus sums | most desirable books additional in history, wagon was brought such an array of dainties up the results of a year's Compound Oxygen | travel, fiction and poetry.

"It is now a year since I commenced using Our " Treatise on Compound Ozygen," containtion of this remarkable curative agent, and a

# LOYAL WOMAN'S WORK

A Happy New Year --- Dress for Women---Relief Corps Notes.

[Conducted by Kate B. Sherwood.]

A happy New Year! So we say standing upon the threshold. What shall we find when we have passed over and in? Joys for some, sorrows for others; disappointments and sorrows for all. Not one of us can refuse to stand face to face with its mysteries, or decline to bear the burdens that are already apportioned to our shoulders.

Not one of us can encase himself in a royal panoply and stand invulnerable to the assaults that which they should know. that Time's fierce phalanxes shall make upon us. There is no escape; we must face the gestion of such a possibility made him wofully music and march to the mighty measures resources, and certainly it is often a good thing unhappy; and it may be doubted whether | whether it be the pean of triumph or the for the boys. General William Sooy Smith, dirge of defeat.

A shadowy boundary, it may be, that divides | the same high destiny. the years, but it is the starting point upon the

A happy New Year! And for each and all

TURN OVER A NEW LEAF.

[By Kate Brownice Sherwood.] The prints of soiled fingers are plain; Your letters misshapen, your syllables blurred, Show the copy was followed in vain; But pray do not lift a disconsolate face, Or yield to a profitless grief, The wind had changed to the south early in

But gather fresh courage, look pain in the face-Turn o'er a new leaf I How shining and bright! How spotless and pure! How plain is the copy to view!

Now steady and slow! As you start you are sure

The rest of your task to pursue! The Master stands near! He will come at your

If perchance you may need his relief! His voice it is speaking to one and to all:

"Turn o'er a new leaf!"

WHAT EVERY WOMAN SHOULD HAVE. To be neatly and appropriately dressed should be the aim of every woman. This neither implies vanity nor extravagance, but a proper regard for the proprieties of life. To dress well on the least cost should, indeed, be a study, since every dollar saved from improve with their wearing

To dress well one must consider the time, the place, the occasion. To dress gaily at a funeral is in as bad taste as it would be to appear in full mourning at a wedding. Quiet dressing, not necessarily black, is required at the former, while at the latter, even those who wear nothing but black ordinarily, should wear some white blonde or lisse at the throat, or, at least,

a bit of lavender. It is very bad taste to wear old finery in the morning. A neat muslin dress, or one of plain woolen, with a fresh, white apron, always is becoming and pleasant to behold. Avoid the tawdry and mussy, whatever the occasion.

Every woman should have at least one best dress, to be worn on special occasions. If she have but one-and it is never wise to have many, as they get out of style quickly-it should never be worn about the house. If worn to church, or to a little company, it should be changed at once upon returning home. Shake out the dust and hang carefully away until the next time. Do not omit this, as there is always something to do about the house by which it may get spotted, and even the wearing will make it matted and shiny. A good dress will last a long time and look fresh and neat if taken care of.

Every woman should have a good supply of aprons. They may be made in various styles to suit the occupation. There is the large gingham apron, buttoning around the neck, with a gored skirt that covers the entire dress, indispensable in sweeping and dusting, and many varieties of white aprons, tastefully trimmed with lace, embroidery, or hand-made edg-

Neat-fitting gloves and shoes are essential to the plainest toilet. No woman is excusable for wearing gloves out at the fingers, or shoes run over at the heels, or red and scaly. A stitch in time and the use of a polishing brush will keep These who saw the laud adjacent to the La- later he advertised for "320 golden-haired both hands and feet presentable at moderate

A good supply of handkerchiefs everyone should have. Those who are handy with the needle may buy their own linen and hemstitch their fine handkerchiefs in very little time. Then, there is a large variety of fine muslin handkerchiefs, with pretty borders, to be had at | colors if carefully washed.

Plenty of collars and cuffs, fichus and ties, will be found most desirable. With these the most meager wardrobe may seem full and ample. A dark dress or two, with fresh lingerie, will carry many a woman with slim purse through an entire season with satisfaction to herself and her friends.

FAMILY BEADING CIRCLE.

A correspondent, who is starting a library, wants to know how to select a course of all and in the end form a nucleus for a standard can course for those who have plenty of money, but as he expects to accumulate slowly, he year, and desires a wider range than if he should confine his reading to American authors alone. He wants the course confined to history, travels, good fiction, and a little poetry. He does not want any large and expensive works, but a handy-volume series that can be read aloud in chapters to the family, or can be passed around to each member separately. Now, this is to the point, and we, therefore, at the risk of value, commend the following:

MISCELLANEOUS COURSE.

January-Higginson's History of the United States, Irving's Sketch-book. February-Cooper's Spy, Longfellow's Evan-

March-Bayard Taylor's Views Afoot, Dick-April-Taine's Notes on England, Hawthorne's Scarlet Letter. May-Hillard's Six Months in Italy, Oliver

June-Bulwer's Last Days of Pompeii, Edwin Arnold's Light of Asia.

July-Ellen Palmer's Heroes of Ancient Greece, Scott's Heart of Midlothian. August-Brace's Home-Life in Germany, Whittier's Snow Bound. September-Mrs. Botta's Hand-Book of Uni-

versal Literature, Warner's Back-Log Studies. October-Morley's Sketches of Russian Life, William Norris' Life and Death of Janson (po-

November-Mrs. Charees' Diary of Kitty Trevelyan (time of Wesley and Whitefield), Tennyson's Enoch Arden. December - Guizot's Concise History of France, Victor Hugo's Les Miserables.

Of course, some persons read much more rapidly than others, and some again can spend more money on books than their less-favored companions. But one and all will find the general outline given highly advantageous. Another week will be enumerated some of the

Every one contemplating the forming of a good library should, besides the Bible, dictionary, atias and cyclopædia, have a copy of Bartto any that I am infinitely better. I am stronger in | tionary, Roget's Thesaurus of English Words, a Meantime more than fifty men were at work every way, and rurely suffer now from the utter ex- History of the United States, and a copy of

Natural fitness should be the first consideration of parents in selecting a calling for their sons. To crowd a boy into a profession when his bent is for trade is to have a taste of the dish served up to the parents of "Our Son Samuel" in George Coe's clever story of "Generalship; or, How I Managed My Hus-

wife; and the twain, in their joy that the Lord had given to them a ton, consecrated him from the cradle to the ministry. But Samuel, despite the prayers and the coaxings of his fond parents, developed no very marked religious traits. Filling temporary vacancy in his father's warerooms, he evinced such a lively turn for business, and such a growing distaste for his collegiate studies, that his father and mother surrendered, concluding it was better, even for the church, that their son should be a high-minded, honorable merchant

than a half-bearted pulpit drone. When watching the movements of many mistaken parents, we are reminded of the pathetic scenes of the imbecile asylums, where the unfortunate boys and girls sit for hours before long tables patiently trying to make square blocks fit into round holes. Study the bent of your boys, and if they have got the stuff in them to make successful engineers and machinists, do not dwarf them to the measure of the police lawyer and the party back by affording them instruction in everything but

It is a good thing for this country that so many boys are so early thrown upon their own the eminent civil engineer, was thrown on his A happy New Year! But how shall we meet own resources at fourteen with fourteen shilit? Shall we go with hopeful, happy hearts to | lings in his pocket. But he attained to eminence the possession of our new inheritance; or in his self-chosen profession, has acquired a shall we creep over the borders like reprobates | comfortable fortune and an honorable name, into a heritage whose richness we ill-deserve? | and has had the good sense to bring up a son to

Colonel J. Condit Smith, distinguished in the race-course, each year a jot upon the record by | quartermaster's service in the Western Army which our lives must be known and read. If and Vanderbilt's right-hand man, who died the past has been a glorious past, take on new | recently in New York, knew the advantages of perseverence for the coming days. If it has work for boys, and while the sons of other rich been one of halting, stumbling, and defeat, | railroad princes were enjoying their vacations at Saratoga and other fashionable watering places, his eldest son was tramping with the the kindling of a loftier purpose, a more ear- surveyors over the prairies of Illinois, at work on the new railroad which his father so successfully projected.

The last time we saw Colonel Smith he expressed himself very strongly upon this subject of work for boys, saying that wealth which pre-empted the American boys from Ohio. downright hard work was a misfortune to any family, and he told us of his son, who was then upon the survey.

January.

ing, Mich.

"What position has he, Colonel?" we asked, at each meeting in order to make a report to thinking the man who was employing the inspector annually. thousands of men would make his boy at least a captain of ten. applied, through the Woman's Department, for "What position? Why, he is dragging a instructions in the formation of a Relief Corps, chain at \$10 per month. I have given him to

rest of them. When he is worth more wages he will get more pay and a better position." And this from a man in whose home we had seen more sumptuous living than in any home | T. N. Drawbridge, C. C. Phillips Post, Hopkinwest of the Hudson River. It takes a level- ton, Mass. ; J. W. Sidwell, Eskbridge, Kan.; C. recognized by the farmers, and if they were to headed man to know that if he would train W. Kent, Canton, Ill.; Colonel Ewing, Sharon, extend their protection and encouragement to his boy to rule he must first teach him to serve. Pa., and to the ladies of Jackson, Mich., where these benefactors, the grain and fruit crops of It is the man who has worked at the case, like a large Corps is starting under flourishing au- this country would be greater than they are. the potato crop. Horace Greeley, who makes the greatest editor, | spices, auxiliary to Edward Pomeroy Post. while who ever heard of a great merchant, or a great inventer, who did not begin at the

understand that he takes his chances with the

lowest round of the ladder. The son of one of the greatest New York | nearly fourfold within the year, or from 113 to importers is to-day in the packing-room working | 423 members, has unanimously recommended with the poorest paid men and drawing the same | Colonel R. B. Brown, Aid to the Commandersalary, though his father is a senior of a firm | in-Chief, for Senior Vice-President, Departthat does a business of ten millions a year. O, ment of Ohio. Colonel Brown is a grand good no, boys, do not be discouraged because you have to work. Roll up your siceves and go in | Corps, and has done much for the G. A. R., by like Trojans. You may master success, what- voice and pen, within the State, ever your surroundings.

CARE OF THE BODY.

A correspondent asks a cure for corns. Try this: Take a teaspoonful of soda and work into it soft soap until a thick paste is formed. Then cut out a piece of kid or seft leather, about the round hole as large as the corn. At night, before going to bed, place the leather over the corn, and over this put a thick coating of paste. Cover with more leather and a cloth. Repeat this for three nights in succession. The fourth morning bathe your foot, and with the point of a knife lift out the corn, which will | mander. Colonel Myers is a first-class Grand come out clear, like a grain of rice. Apply Army man, having organized since his Comsome kind of salve, and keep it moist. This is an old sure, and certain cure.

Never pare a corn, but when it begins to scale, take a knife, loosen the edge, and peel it off. To cut hardens the skin and greatly aggravates the trouble. To avoid corns, have | woman's work in the G. A. R. easy fitting shoes; neither too large nor too small. Bathe your feet often, and peel off the dead skin or callouses.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

"Kansas Girl" asks for some instructions in writing for a paper. First, write town, State, and date. Next, write plainly, on one side of your paper only. Then, remember to dot your i's, cross your t's; begin your sentences with a capital, but never use one in the body of a sentence unless it is the pronoun I, which should always be a capital, as well as the name | ker City, Kan., were installed before the Post | the top of the wheel, where it is cleaned out of of town, State, person, battle, or other proper at a special meeting at the Whitney House, the wheel by two long, wide, stationary knives name, by which is meant the name of one par- after which the president, Mrs. E. B. Alrich, running into the grooves, whence it is guided ticular thing, and not one of a class. Study to wife of Comrete L. L. Alrich, publisher of the to each edge of the ditch by a kind of double say as much as possible in a few words,

"An Indiana school girl" says she is confused on her pronouns, and wants us to give her the rules. Of course, this cannot all be done at once; but the mistakes we note in her letter are: "I done it" instead of "I did it," and reasonable prices, and which will retain their "them boys" instead of "those boys," as it should be.

Yes, Daisy M., we shall always take pleasure in answering questions; so write again. In response to your inquiry we would say that you should always say, of something past, "I saw it," or "I have seen it," and not "I see it." "I see it" should only be used in the present tense.

McCaslin Relief Corps, Paolo, Kan., is flourishing, having begun June 27th with ten members and now numbering forty-five. The ladies surprised the Post with a supper at their last meeting, when speeches, songs and stories followed, making up a happy evening. Mary L., a "Wisconsin girl," wants to know Their tents in the rays of the clear autumn moon,

if we would recommend her to read "Ben A tremulous sigh, as the gentle night wind
Through the forest leaves softly is creeping;
While stars up above, with their glistening eyes,
Keep guard,—for the army is sleeping. wants to buy but two books each month in the | Hur," General Lew Wallace's new book. To which we say yes, a thousand times over. It is a glorious book. Mrs. F. G. G .: "Thomas at Chickamauga"

will be published in THE TRIBUNE. "Sheridan's Ride" is not one of Mrs. Shorwood's poems. It was written by T. Buchanan Read, an Ohio poet and artist, some years deceased.

Will some one answer a question or two, but not about kissing. Is a man that has an honorable discharge from the nhie months' service, but after-wards joined another regiment, but deserted, and has no discharge therefrom, and has not dared to vote for years, a fit subject to become a member of the G. A. R. And is one who is known to be an habitual drunkard?

A SOLDIER'S WIFE. A SOLDIER'S WIFE.

Relief Corps Work. MICHIGAN ENTHUSIASTIC - ANOTHER OHIO CORPS-ALL ALONG THE LINE. POKAGON, MICH., December 10, 1883.

To the Editor NATIONAL TRIBUNE: The installation of officers of A. W. Allen Relief Corps was made public, followed by refreshments for the benefit of the Corps. I have had the honor to install several Posts in this Department, followed by public services, but have never seen any society create such a favorable impression on the public as the ladies of Relief Corps, No. 2. The Corps is composed of energetic, working women, and I but wish the prospects of Post 44 were as bright. The ladies could not have made a better selection of

At the conclusion of the installation, Colonel Zach Aldrich, of Post 157, Cassopolis, delivered a stirring address, full of words of good cheer and encouragement to both Post and Corps. Cass-opolis Post was also represented by Colonel P. O'Brien and comrades with their ladies. All in all, the installation was a grand success, and the Post is justly proud of their auxiliary, pledging themselves, to a man, to support them in measure that will increase their growth and good

> Yours, in F., C. and L., JOHN H. BOWER, P. C., Post 44, ANOTHER OHIO CORPS. ORWELL, OHIO, December 14, 1888.

To the Editor NATIONAL TRIBUNE: Wednesday afternoon, December 12th, A Woman's Relief Corps was organized, auxiliary to Delor Northway Post, by Mrs. Lottie M. Myers, of Canton, Ohio. The election of officers and initiatory ceremony was conducted in the afternoon, and ar open installation was held in the evening, conducted by Mrs. Myers, with the assistance of Commander Goodrich, after which the Commander favored the audience with a few well-chosen remarks, followed by stirring speeches from a number of the comrades, bringing up very vividly the old scenes of the war, and stirring every heart in response to the feeling of loyalty and patriotism. Many thanks are due to Mrs. Myers for her efforts in our behalf.

Yours, in F., C. and L., Julia Goodrich, Secretary, W. R. C. In addition to the above, Mrs. Lottie M. Myers, the efficient Instituting and Installing Officer for Eastern Ohio Corps, reports the following officers installed:

"Generalship; or, How I Managed My Husband."

Samuel's father was a merchant, but had great respect for the church, as had the pious

Maryetta C. Babecck, president; Jane Covert, senior vice-president; Julia Goodrich, secretary; Adaline Bingham, treasurer; Jane De Voe, chaplain; Phobe Covert, conductor; Eva Jordan, guard,

The Simple Story. RELIEF WORK AND WHAT IT IS.

regular annual meeting of this reliable old

Auxiliary would have come the second Tues-

day in March, but it was held at the end of

ALL ALONG THE LINE,

in which they are greatly interested. Appli-

Hazlett Post, Zanesville, Chio, the banner

Post in the Buckeye State, which has increased

soldier worker, a staunch friend of the Relief

Commander, W. O. Myers, for Department Com-

mandership a Relief Corps and Sons of Veter --

ans. His wife, Lottie M. Myers, is a member of

the National Relief Corps, and doing good work

Mrs. Elizabeth Mansfield Irving, newly-

elected junior vice-president of Forsyth Relief

Corps, Toledo, Ohio, is a universal favorite

with the comrades of the G. A. R. in Ohio,

being one of the finest elecutionists in the

United States, and always willing to lend her

services to a patriotic cause. Recently she has

not filled engagements, as she is busy bringing

up a little son to an age when he can step aside,

The Picket-Guard.

[By Mrs. Howland.]

All quiet along the Potomac," they say,

is shot, as he walks on his beat, to and fro,

'Tis nothing: a private or two, now and then,

Where the soldiers lie peacefully dreaming;

Or the light of the watch-fires, are gleaming,

There's only the sound of the low sentry's tread,

As he tramps from the rock to the fountain, And he thinks of the two in the low trundle bed,

His musket falls stock; his face, dark and grim,

As he mutters a prayer for the children asleep,

For their mother, -may Heaven defend her!

The moon seems to shine just as brightly as then,

Leaped up to his lips,—when low, murmured vows Were pledged to be ever unbroken;

Then drawing his sleeve roughly over his eyes, He dashes off tears that are welling,

He passes the fountain, the blasted pine tree,-

light, Toward the shades of the forest so dreary.

Was it moonlight so wondrously flashing

All quiet along the Potemac to-night,-

No sound save the rush of the river;

The picket's off duty forever!

It looked like a rifle: "Ha! Mary, good-by!"
And the life blood is ebbing and plashing.

Who Will Care for Mother Now

Why am I so weak and weary?

See how faint my heated breath,

Tell me, comrades, is this death?

Ah! how well I know your answer; To my fate I meekly bow,

Who will care for mother now?

Who will dry the falling tear? Gently smooth her wrinkled forehead?

Who will whisper words of cheer?

Who will comfert her in sorrow?

Kneeling, praying for me! How Can I leave her in her anguish?

Let this knapsac'r be my pillow,

And my mantle be the sky; Hasten, comrades, to the battle, I would like a soldier die.

Soon with ange't I'll be marching,

With bright laurels on my brow, I have for my country fallen, Who will care for mother now?

The Voice of the People.

Who will care for mother now?

If you'll only tell me truly,

Even now I think I see her

All around to me seems darkness,

Far away in the cot on the mountain

Grows gentle with memories lender,

That night when the love yet unspoken

And gathers his gun closer up to its place,

As if to keep down the heart swelling.

'The footstep is lagging and weary;

leaves?

favorite:

Will not count in the news of the battle;

Not an officer lost,—only one of the men, Moaning out, all alone, the death rattle."

Except now and then a stray picket

By a rifleman hid in the thicket.

All quiet along the Potomac to-night.

now and then, for the old soldiers.

enterprise of the Post and Corps.

cation and instructions sent.

At the sixth annual meeting (December 13) of Forsyth Relief Corps, Toledo, Ohio, the fol-lowing officers were elected: President, Kate Some Practical Suggestions for Our B. Sherwood; senior vice-president, Emma D. Sibley; junior vice-president, Elizabeth Mansfield Irving; secretary, Cora D. Young; treas-Agricultural Readers. urer, Hettie S. Boss; chaplain, Lois F. S. Holbrooke; conductor, Maftie Smith; guard, Anna E. Pennell; chorister, Mary S. Bulleck. The

SOWING SEEDS.

One of the most wasteful practices in farming,

nine months, that the Corps might be in line with the National Order. The secretary, Mrs. Young, read an excellent report of the progress of the work. The treasurer of the relief reported an expenditure of \$467.82, and Mrs. J. The want of thorough preparation of the sur- bark and spread it evenly in a pad of red flan-W. Kelsy, treasurer of the executive, of \$112.60. face is a principal source of the evil, whether nel. This pad must then be quilted, so as to Total receipts, \$582.22. Expenditures, including reorganization, plants for cemetery, annual reception and relief, \$551.52. By special arit will be seen that his preparations for seeding stomach, holding it there by one band around rangement between the Post and Corps, the are most systematic and exact. For the larger the neck and another around the waist. It treasurer of the Post relief-fund holds the enseeds, drills of uniform depth are provided, and should be removed as soon as the patient feels tire profits of the annual entertainment, the in order that proper uniformity may be main- that the disease is broken." Corps drawing a monthly appropriation theretained the surface of the soil is brought to a fine degree of pulverization, so as to avoid all Mrs. Bacon, chairman of the home and eminequalities. The depth of the drills correpleyment committee, reported that in the nine pleyment committee, reported that in the nine spond with the size of the seeds, and the result months past, eleven soldiers' orphans had of this adaptation is a uniform condition of found admission, through the Corps, to Orgermination and a series of equally vigorous phans' Home at Xenia; one, who was incorplants. With seeds of the finest grades, a cluding wind mills, corn shellers from hand rigible, having been sent to the State Reform smooth surface is prepared, the seeds scattered School for Girls at Delaware. Hemes in pri- evenly over it, and all the covering given is that vate families had been secured for several more afforded by passing a roller over the ground, children, and a soldier's widow admitted to crumbling such small lumps as may exist, and, grinding feed, &c. Horse powers of various the Toledo Home for old ladies. In making the most important point, pressing the seeds up the committees, the president continues Mrs. | firmly in the soil. With seeds thus committed Foster and Mrs. Bacon in the work for which to the ground there is an equal development the articles in daily use. To us the Marseilles they are so well qualified, together with Mrs. of plant; fewer seeds will be needed, because Gopher corn cultivator has special attractions, Bergen, a famous worker, at the head of the every seed will vegetate and produce a healthy as it is an improvement in the right direction. executive. The Post and Corps have a double installation and suppor the first Wednesday in the best results, seeds should be covered with ing and cutting among corn roots is not cultisuch a depth of soil as is found most suitable to vation, but destruction. With most of the their size and kind; the nature and character | cultivators in use any advantage which may be of the soil will also influence the depth of cover- gained by stirring the soil is more than coun-Emma D. Sibley, to whom THE TRIBUNE readers need no introduction, is the new senior vice-president of Forsyth Relief Corps, Toledo, The secretaries of Relief Corps everywhere may be allowed in a dry climate than would be and which will stir and loosen the surface will keep a record of the number in attendance | proper in a wet one. The best crops can only | without the risk of a probability that by some The patriotic ladies of Hurley, Dak., have properly in the soil.

The most concisely emphatic treatise that could be written in favor of our native land birds, says a naturalist, would be the statement Applications for charter have been forwarded of the fact that, with the exception of most through the Woman's Department to Comrades of the diurnal birds of prey, they are all beneficial to agriculture; and if this fact were the surface has been dried over. If put in Birds sometimes get a "bad name" and are destroyed unmercifully because of their supposed destructive tendencies, but if careful observation is made of their babits and the food | box elder, oak, pine, cedar, chestnut, cottonthey prefer, many erroneous notions would be wood, elm, fir, hickory, honey locust plane selled. The following is a good illustration of the kind of observation we mean: "A white willow and tulip tree. farmer's boy in Ohio, observing a small flock of quails in a cornfield, resolved to watch their in their foraging, commencing on one side of the field, taking about five rows, and following other plan is to hang up cabbages which have Mrs. E. D., South Haven, Mich.: The Sol- them uniformly to the opposite end, returning diers' Orphans' Homes are only for the chil- in the same manner over the next five rows. dren of the States starting the same. If Michi- They continued in this course until they had the fowls; it will be quickly picked to pieces, gan has no home for soldiers' orphans it has explored the greater portion of the field. Susan excellent school for friendless children gen- picious that they were pulling up the corn, he erally, at some point in the Southern part of fired into the flock, killing one of them, and the State. Write Department Commander then proceeded to examine the ground. In size of a half dollar, and in the center make a Jaynes, Hillsdale, Mich., and ascertain, or to the whole space over which they had traveled Hon. Harry Conant, Secretary of State, Lans- he found but one stalk of corn disturbed. This was nearly scratched out of the ground, but the kernel still a hered to it. In the craw of Canton Post, Canton, Chio, is enthusiastic- the quail he found one cut-worm, twenty-one

bugs, but not a single kernel of corn." A DRAINING MACHINE.

A correspondent of the Country Gentleman describes a machine which effectually excavates drains for tiles. The machine consists of a heavy for the Order in eastern Ohio. The wide-awake | wheel, seven and a half feet in diameter and Ohio comrades generally are fast friends of ten inches thick or wide, with a cutting rim four inches wide all around on each edge, and a similar one in the middle of the rim. The wheel turns on an axis that plays up and down vertically) in an upright frame rising from a heavy-framed, broad-wheeled truck drawn by four horses. The weight of the large wheel crowds these three cutting-edges into the ground, compacting the earth as it is passed between them, so that as the wheel rolls on it peels up a long ribbon of earth ten inches wide and from two to four inches deep, according to the hardness of the soil and the depth to which The officers of the new Relief Corps at Caw- | the machine is regulated. The earth is carried to Campfire, made an excellent address. Among | mould-board arrangement. The machine the good points made were that the Relief | leaves the edges or sides of the ditch as straight Corps added to the Fraternity, Loyalty, Chari- and smooth as if planed or cut with a sharp ty of the Posts that of good moral character, knife. It works in all soils except that which demanding that members, like Casar's wife, is extremely stony, or dry, loose sand, that will be above suspicion. The comrades hailed the cave or run. Stones from the size of one's sentiment with rousing cheers. The G. A. R. | double fist are lifted out with the soil. Twelve fair, which has been in progress, is the joint | single courses (six "bouts") will put the ditch thirty-eight inches deep, so that fourteen miles of travel will dig and grade a mile of ditch to the average depth of over three feet. So that a mile a day of finished ditch can be dug and graded by four horses and two men,-and this much is claimed to be done.

"WORN-OUT" PRARS.

In some places where pears crack open instead of ripening, the reason given for this disease is that the varieties are "worn out." This is rather a vague expression when apwith considerable truth be applied to a tree varieties can be extended indefinitely, for aught we know, by periodical grafting upon young trees. The White Doyenne pear, one of the oldest and best of pears, which was formerly well known in our markets under the names of Virgalieu, Butter pear, Autumn Bergamot, and a host of other local names, is now Widow. rarely seen. In most places the fruit cracks so as to be absolutely worthless; hence it is classed among "worn-out" varieties, and yet it may still be seen as large and perfect as it ever was. ful foliage, and very fragrant blossoms. In sheltered city yards fruits are annually produced upon trees of this variety which are perfect in every respect, while, even a few miles distant, under ordinary orchard culture a perfect fruit is rarely seen. The cracking of the fruit is therefore the result of climatic conditions to which the trees are subjected, and cannot be explained by the mere statement that the variety is "wearing out."

WATER FOR STOCK IN WINTER.

Yet onward he goes, through the broad belt of The National Live Stock Journal urges the importance of a full supply of water for stock, especially for cows, in winter, and says Hark! was it the night-wind that rustled the they often suffer from the lack of a sufficient supply. During the summer, when in pasture. the succulence of the grass supplies in part the water their systems require; but when on dry feed the demand for a full supply of water is imperative. When water is furnished in insufficient quantities all the functions of the While soft falls the dew on the face of the dead,animal economy are interfered with. Young animals stop growing, cows shrink in milk, and fattening animals cease to increase in In response to a request from Comrade Oliver Bench, Bennett, Neb., we re-publish this old weight. Water in sufficient quantity and of good quality is quite as important as food, and deprivation of it will destroy life sooner than hunger. It is a mistake to suppose that in cold weather stock only require water once a day. In such case they suffer for the want of it, and when they get to it take it into the stomach in such inordinate quantities as to cause discomfort and suffering.

Of green wood one-third to one-half or more of its weight is water, partly depending upon the time of cutting. All kinds of wood cut in January in the northern and western States contain from 15 to 25 per cent. less water than they do in spring. Experiments have shown that 100 pounds of ash wood cut in January contained 29 pounds of water, while the same amount cut in April contained 38 pounds of water: 100 pounds of sycamore cut in January contained 33 pounds of water, and 40 cut in April. White pine out in January contained 52 pounds; cut in April 61 pounds of water.

TO FLAVOR HAMS WITHOUT SMOKING THEM. A writer in an exchange objects to the smokeinstead, he recommends to first thoroughly No family Dyes were ever so popular as the Diamond Dyes. They never fail. The Black is far superior to logwood. The other colors are brilliant. Wells, Richardson & Co., Bur-The pickle will extract the smoke from the by many others who have only known, so far barrel and carry it evenly through the entire I the half pleasures of receiving.

mass of meat, the center of a ham being as perfectly impregnated with it as the outside. It saves trouble, avoids risks of fire or thieves obviates any necessity of bagging or otherwise protecting from flies, since they can remain in the pickle till wanted for use.

CHILLS AND PEVER.

We copy the following from the Rural New Yorker. If we had seen the paragraph going the rounds of the press as a waif, without par-entage, we would probably have passed it by with much doubt as to its efficacy, but the editor of the above-named paper does not chroniand one that seems to be entirely overlooked | cle frivolities; therefore, we conclude that is by the great majority of farmers, is that of ine- means what it says: "Here is a remedy for quality in the covering of seeds. Drilling ob- | malaria and chills and fever which we know viates this to a great extent; it does so very | has effected cures in a number of cases: Take completely when the land is properly prepared. | three or four ounces of powdered red Peruvian the seeds are broadcasted or drilled. If the give it a flattened shape and to keep the powoperations of the market gardener are observed, | der in position. Place this directly over the

NEW CATALOGUES.

Catalogues of the Marseilles Manufacturing Company, Marseilles, La Salle County, Illinois.

These catalogues embrace a vast number of articles of the greatest value to farmers, inpowers, with a capacity of shelling from 250 to 300 bushels per day; to horse powers which shell ten times this amount daily; mills for patterns and sizes are figured and described with ample testimonials from those who have plant, vigorous from the start. But to secure It is becoming to be understood that deep tearing; the climate will also be taken into consid- terbalanced by breaking and tearing the roots eration. On light sandy soils a deeper covering of the growing corn. What is wanted is an may be allowed than would be proper in a strong | implement which is completely under the conclay soil, and in all cases a heavier covering | trol of the operator as regards depth of culture. be secured when a happy combination of ail sudden jerk of the team, some lump in the soil, the elements of success is provided, and one of or carelessness of the operator, the roots are the most important is that of putting the seed | unearthed. A shallow-cutting cultivator under complete centrel is the thing needed, and the Gopher is the best approach to this which we

have seen. See advertisement on 8th page.

-Potatoes intended for seed should receive no rough handling at any time. If any are bruised, spread them in a dry, cool place until large bins while the skin is bruised many of the eyes will have their vitality injured. This is the cause of many unexplained failures of

-The trees recognized by the "timber claim act" are the ash, elder, birch, beech, black walnut, basswood, black locust, larch, maples, tree, buttonwood, mountain ash, white walnut -To furnish vegetable food for poultry in

winter it is advised to sow canary grass seed in motions. They pursued a very regular course tubs or boxes of earth placed in a warm cellar to sprout, which it will do in a few days. Anfailed to head by a string from the top of the henbouse so as to bring its head within reach of while it is kept from dust and dirt. -Bees are of great value to fruit growers

on account of the aid they give to the fertilization of flowers. Very many blossoms depend for their production to the visits of bees. The hive bee is the most industrious of insects. In bad weather wild bees stay at home, while the hive bee is facing it.

ally advocating the claims of their energetic striped vine bugs, and one hundred chinch On a wide range they will provide this for themselves; when in confinement it must be furnished. Scraps from the table are good. Animal food need not be given more than three times a week, and only in small quantities. If poultry gets too much animal food the quills of the feathers become more or less charged with blood, which the birds in time perceive and pick at each others' plumage until they

have the skin hare. -It is important to use salt when eating onts of any kind, as it assists their digestion. If sickness is occasioned by cating too freely

of them, salt is a good corrective. -The Wilson blackberry has maintained its reputation as one of the best fruits of its kind for a quarter of a century. A seedling from it, called the Wilson Junior, which is said to be quite as good a berry, ripening early and more productive than the Old Wilson, is now innounced for sale.

-The Christmas rose, Heleborus niger, is a favorite, hardy perennial in European gardens. It is equally floriferous here, although it flowers earlier. We have picked flowers weekly for the past six weeks from a plant in a friend's garden, and it will bloom until severe frosts shrivel the forming buds. -The Professors are getting sadly mixed up

in regard to peach yellows. One says it is caused by bacteria; another, that it comes from lack of potash or somethin' 'r nother in the soil. They will say everything except the proper thing,-which is, that they don't know anything about it.

-The peach leaf blister, which has been observed and its origin well-known for a century, has lately assumed a formidable aspect, as presented by young savants, who counsel the destruction of trees apon which it may make its appearance; otherwise, it will become epidemic and destroy every peach tree in the country. Such vaporings do much injury to real scientific studies.

plied to a variety of fruit, although it might QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. which might be "wearing thin and old." But | Our Agricultural Editor's Weekly Chat With His Renders.

I have been making an effort for several years to cover a small summer house, made of crossed laths, with some kind of vine or rose, but have not been very successful. Perhaps THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE would be kind enough to suggest somehing that would cover it, and oblige -A Soldler's

Honeysuckle. It is nearly evergreen, beauti-Can rhubarb seed be purchased, or how is the plant raised; from seed or slips?-V. N., Va. Ans. Rhubarb seed is sold by most seedsmen, but the best way to start a bed is to procure

Ans. We know of nothing so well fitted for a

rapid growing suitable plant as the Japan

plants of some well-known goed variety, such as the Linuxus or the Victoria. My fuchsia has lost all its leaves, and I am afraid that it will die. It is a white one, and I would not lose it for anything. What can I do to make it live?

-biary S. Derka. Ans. It is all right. Fuchsias naturally loss their leaves in winter, like other deciduous plants. Keep it in the cellar from frost, and de not water it for a month. It will bud out when

it feels that spring has come again. I have a young fig tree that I think will bear another season if properly trimmed. Please let me know if you think it is now too late to trim it.—C. S. J., of D. C.

Ans. We would not advise trimming it in any way. What it needs is protection during winter, so that the fruiting branches will be perfect and uninjured next spring. Bend down and fasten the branches as near the ground as essible, then cover them well with leaves and boards to keep them from direct surface evaporation. A good method is to cover the plant with soil, similar to covering a potato pit.

I have seen a notice about American raisins, and would ask for the names of the best grapes for raisin making.—John K. L., Eastern Shore, Md.

Ans. The only raisins made in this country are produced in California, and these are made THE BEST TIME TO FELL TIMBER FOR FUEL. | from foreign grapes, which are the kinds prinsinally grown in that State, both for wine and table use. No American grape, that is, a grape produced from any of our native species, had yet bean found suited for raisin making as an article of commerce. In California the raising industry is rapidly progressing. As the foreign grape will not grow in Maryland you cannot succeed in this industry.

Miss Nellie Arthur, the President's daughter is president of the Washington "Children Christmas Club," an organization composed o young people connected with the Washington Sunday-schools, who will provide a mammota Christmas-tree and a dinner for poor children, This idea, which originated last year with a house ordinarily used for smoking meats, and, lady in Portland, Me., and is described in the Christmas number of St. Nicholas, has been smoke the barrel with maple or hickory chips, cordially taken up all over the country, and or corn cobs. Pack the hams and shoulders in many similar clubs are forming. Not only it, flesh side up, and pour over the prepared will thousands of poor children be made happy pickle in sufficient quantity to cover the whole. but the blessedness of giving will first be fell